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Tricia Raikes

Tricia Raikes is co-president of the Raikes Foundation where she leads the Foundation's efforts to be a catalyst for innovative, collaborative and pragmatic solutions to help young people reach their full potential. Her commitment to addressing youth homelessness spans volunteer service at an organization providing emergency services for homeless youth, participating in annual One Night Counts of her region's homeless, co-chairing a regional "systems-building" planning process, and overseeing the

Foundation's grantmaking to address homelessness. Ms. Raikes' community service has included leadership on boards including those of the College Success Foundation, the Raikes School of Computer Science and Management at the University of Nebraska, the United Way of King County (where she served as co-chair of the 2006-07 United Way of King County Campaign), the Washington State University Foundation and King County Boys & Girls Club, as well as Stanford University's Task Force on Undergraduate Education. Drawing on a successful career in marketing communications, she hopes to raise awareness of the needs of our community's most vulnerable young people and to help facilitate solutions for success.

Lisa Stambolis

Lisa Stambolis, RN, CPNP, is the Director of Pediatric and Adolescent Health at Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. in Baltimore City, Maryland. Lisa has been exclusively in the field of public health for nearly 20 years and in her role as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner she has been providing health care to children and youth in Baltimore City, in settings which include school based health centers, emergency shelters, and street reach. In her role as administrator at HCH she has helped create an innovative primary care clinic for homeless children and youth based on the clinic-outreach model. She is also an advocate for improving the lives of homeless youth. In the past year she was instrumental in helping to pass legislation in Maryland that will allow unaccompanied youth the right to consent to their medical treatment. Lisa is very active in several community coalitions aimed at helping homeless children and youth and is on the Community Advisory Board for the Youth Empowered Society (YES) and the Center for Adolescent Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Lisa earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Maryland School of Nursing and a Master's degree in Acupuncture at Tai Sophia Institute, Graduate School for the Healing Arts.

Sol Flores

In 2002, Sol Flores became the founding Executive Director of La Casa Norte (LCN), a community based organization whose mission is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness. Since opening their doors, LCN has helped more than 20,000 homeless and at-risk individuals. By offering access to stable housing and delivering comprehensive services, LCN acts as a catalyst to transform lives and communities. With Sol's infectious enthusiasm, boundless energy, intelligence, and entrepreneurship, LCN is reshaping the physical infrastructure of the Humboldt Park neighborhood and rebuilding broken lives to foster hope, stable homes, and healthy communities. Sol's passion and determination to help those in need has built LCN from 2 employees to a 40 employee, multi-million dollar organization that delivers inspiration and hope to the lives of homeless families, single parents, victims of domestic violence and abandoned youth. LCN has rapidly grown over the past ten years to meet the increasing needs of homeless youth and children throughout Chicago. Sol's commitment to make a

difference and live out her personal values through her work at La Casa Norte has proven to be the greatest personal and professional challenge of her life.

Deborah Shore

Deborah Shore is the Founder and Executive Director of Sasha Bruce Youthwork, a multi-service agency working with disconnected, homeless and runaway youth and families in the Washington area since 1974. SBY currently serves 1,500 youth and 5,000 family members each year. It is through Deborah's leadership that SBY has developed its unique approach, which combines proven youth development practices with pioneering family strengthening strategies called Competency Based youth work. Her efforts have been aimed at providing a continuum of services that strengthen families, help youth develop life skills, and offer a pathway to becoming self-sufficient and contributing members of our city and world. Deborah is currently serving as the Chairman of the National Network for Youth and on the Board of the DC Alliance of Youth Advocates, and she has received awards including the Bender Prize for Excellence in Non-profit Management and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Network for Runaway and Youth Services.

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Tricia Raikes is co-president of the Raikes Foundation where she leads the Foundation’s efforts to be a catalyst for innovative, collaborative and pragmatic solutions to help young people reach their full potential. Her commitment to addressing youth homelessness spans volunteer service at an organization providing emergency services for homeless youth, participating in annual One Night Counts of her region’s homeless, co-chairing a regional “systems-building” planning process, and overseeing the Foundation’s grantmaking to address homelessness. Ms. Raikes’ community service has included leadership on boards including those of the College Success Foundation, the Raikes School of Computer Science and Management at the University of Nebraska, the United Way of King County (where she served as co-chair of the 2006-07 United Way of King County Campaign), the Washington State University Foundation and King County Boys & Girls Club, as well as Stanford University’s Task Force on Undergraduate Education. Drawing on a successful career in marketing

communications, she hopes to raise awareness of the needs of our community's most vulnerable young people and to help facilitate solutions for success.

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White House Highlights Lisa Stambolis as a “Champion of Change” in the Fight Against Youth Homelessness

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Lisa Stambolis, RN, CPNP, is the Director of Pediatric and Adolescent Health at Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. in Baltimore City, Maryland. Lisa has been exclusively in the field of public health for nearly 20 years and in her role as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner she has been providing health care to children and youth in Baltimore City, in settings which include school based health centers, emergency shelters, and street reach. In her role as administrator at HCH she has helped create an innovative primary care clinic for homeless children and youth based on the clinic-outreach model. She is also an advocate for improving the lives of homeless youth. In the past year she was instrumental in helping to pass legislation in Maryland that will allow unaccompanied youth the right to consent to their medical treatment. Lisa is very active in several community coalitions aimed at helping homeless children and youth and is on the Community Advisory Board for the Youth Empowered Society (YES) and the Center for Adolescent Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Lisa earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Maryland School of

Nursing and a Master's degree in Acupuncture at Tai Sophia Institute, Graduate School for the Healing Arts.

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In 2002, **Sol Flores** became the founding Executive Director of La Casa Norte (LCN), a community based organization whose mission is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness. Since opening their doors, LCN has helped more than 20,000 homeless and at-risk individuals. By offering access to stable housing and delivering comprehensive services, LCN acts as a catalyst to transform lives and communities. With Sol’s infectious enthusiasm, boundless energy, intelligence, and entrepreneurship, LCN is reshaping the physical infrastructure of the Humboldt Park neighborhood and rebuilding broken lives to foster hope, stable homes, and healthy communities. Sol’s passion and determination to help those in need has built LCN from 2 employees to a 40 employee, multi-million dollar organization that delivers inspiration and hope to the lives of homeless families, single parents, victims of domestic violence and abandoned youth. LCN has rapidly grown over the past ten years to meet the increasing needs of homeless youth and children throughout Chicago. Sol’s commitment to make a

difference and live out her personal values through her work at La Casa Norte has proven to be the greatest personal and professional challenge of her life.

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DC IMPACT:

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Deborah Shore is the Founder and Executive Director of Sasha Bruce Youthwork, a multi-service agency working with disconnected, homeless and runaway youth and families in the Washington area since 1974. SBY currently serves 1,500 youth and 5,000 family members each year. It is through Deborah’s leadership that SBY has developed its unique approach, which combines proven youth development practices with pioneering family strengthening strategies called Competency Based youth work. Her efforts have been aimed at providing a continuum of services that strengthen families, help youth develop life skills, and offer a pathway to becoming self-sufficient and contributing members of our city and world. Deborah is currently serving as the Chairman of the National Network for Youth and on the Board of the DC Alliance of Youth Advocates, and she has received awards including the Bender Prize for Excellence in Non-profit Management and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Network for Runaway and Youth Services.

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